to notice. Indo-Pak border adjoining the States of Rajasthan and Gujarat is witnessing infiltration of arms/explosives/narcotics from across the border indicating involvement of Pak-ISI.

(c) Joint Coastal Patrolling (JCP) is conducted involving Navy, Police and Customs while Aerial Patrolling is done by Coast Guard. Patrolling has been stepped up by BSF, in creek areas of Kutch district. Besides, a Nodal Committee for coordination and sharing of information/intelligence which includes representatives of State/ Central security organisations including Armed Forces and Para Military Forces also meets regularly to discuss border security related matters. In addition, survey work for fencing in land borders in Kutch and Banas Kantha Sectors of Indo-Pak border has also been completed.

Killings by UJC in Jammu and Kashmir

853. SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the so called United Jehad Council (UJC), an umbrella organisation of 14 militant outfits in Jammu & Kashmir, killed a People's Democratic Party activist and injured another when unidentified militants attacked a vehicle carrying them on August 29, 1999 in South Kashmir;

(b) if so, whether the UJC had warned the people of Jammu & Kashmir against participating in the recent general elections to the Lok Sabha; and

(c) the number of such incidents involving militants perpetrating murders and deaths of innocent civilians during electioneering in the State and the steps taken to prevent such incidents?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO): (a) According to inputs available with us unidentified militants attacked a vehicle carrying People's Democratic Party (PDP) activists on 29th August 1999, in which one Mustaq Ahmed Wani, PDP activist was killed and another Gh Mohd. Bhat was seriously injured.

(b) Militant outfits including Hizb-Ul-Mujahideen and Harkat-ul-Mujahideen which are constituents of United Jehad Council had warned the people against participating in elections.

(c) During electioneering in J&K a total of 62 elections related incidents of violence took place in which 16 civilians were killed and 49 injured. All possible security arrangements were made for the smooth conduct of elections and protection of candidates etc.

Security to Christian Places of workship in Delhi

854. SHRI ABANI ROY:
SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN:
SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have totally failed to provide adequate safety and security to the Christian Places of workship in the Capital;

(b) if so, whether a mob Bibles and attacked a prayer meeting of Christians at Khyala village in West Delhi on 13th November, 1999;

(c) if so, the details of persons nabbed by the Police involved in this incidents; and

(d) the steps taken by the Central Government to provide safety and security to Christian places of prayer throughout the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO): (a) to (c) No, Sir. However, there was an isolated incident in which the local police registered the case on the same day, and also arrested two accused persons.

(d) 'Public Order' and 'Police' are State subjects as per the Constitution of India. The registration, investigation and detection of crime as well as the prevention of crime are primarily the responsibility of the State Governments. Nonetheless, the Central Government have taken various steps to provide safety and security to minorities and their institutions which include, constitution of a Special Force called Rapid Action Force for assisting State Governments in controlling communal situations; providing assistance to State Governments for improvement of their policing infrastructure; sharing of intelligence with them; and enjoining upon the State Governments the need of taking action against persons spreading ill-will, hatred and disharmony among members of different communities.